REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thoroughness of the Office Action. The indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. The foregoing amendments are intended to place the application in condition for allowance.

The specification has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 1, 2, 4-20, and 22-36 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 35 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Messenger (US 4,191,250). Claims 6-16, 18, 24-34, and 36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to incorporate the limitation of claim 6, which has accordingly been canceled. Claims 15, 16, and 18 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

Claim 19 has been amended herein to incorporate the limitation of claim 24, which has accordingly been canceled. Claims 33, 34, and 36 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

Other claims have been amended to correct dependencies.

It is submitted, then, that claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-20, 22, 23, and 25-36 now in the application are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2475.

Respectfully submitted,

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